

**Middletown Public Schools**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Thursday, September 16, 2010**

**Michael S. Pinto Conference Room**

**7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

**Members Present: Theresa Spengler, Vice-Chair**

**Liana Fenton arrived at 7:04 p.m.**

**Kellie DiPalma**

**William R. O'Connell**

**Member Absent: Michael F. Crowley, Jr., Chairman**

**Also Present: Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Supt of Schools**

**Linda Savastano, Asst Superintendent**

**Raquel Pellerin, Director of Finance**

**Edward Collins, Facilities Director**

**The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice-Chair Theresa Spengler. Administrative staff members present were Vincent Giuliano, Michelle Fonseca, Steven Ruscito, and Stephen Ponte.**

## **SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

### **“Professional Learning Community”**

The professional development workshop held on September 14th was based upon the four critical questions of a professional learning community:

- Question 1 - What is it we want ALL students to learn? English Language Arts task force and writers will meet Wednesdays at Oliphant. Science task force and writers will meet on Thursdays. There will be an implementation plan for the K-12 math curriculum, as well as Rtl. Continued benchmarking and the use of standards based report cards K-8 will be discussed throughout the year.
- Question 2 - How will we know if and when they’ve learned it? We will be implementing the primary NWEA testing for grades K-2. NWEA testing will be K-12.
- Question 3 - How will we respond when some students don’t learn? AIMSWEB progress monitoring system will be implemented. This system is for students who need extra time and support and targets instruction.
- Question 4 - How will we enrich and extend the learning for students who are already proficient? Differentiated Instruction will need to take place.

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**Additionally, professional development opportunities for staff will include Microsoft Office 2010, the teacher website Final Site, iParent progress reporting, and My L Plan evaluation management.**

## **PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

**No Proclamations/Awards for September 16, 2010.**

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**No Student Activities for September 16, 2010.**

## **INFORMATION**

**Mrs. Kraeger noted the following items of information:**

- McKinney Vento funding application was approved. Some of the funds were used for summer school work. This is part of the Consolidated Resource Grant.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**No Correspondence for September 16, 2010.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. To approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote.**

- Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2010 School Committee Meeting**
- Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2010 Executive Session**
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated September 1, 2010, in the amount of \$169,753.00**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL**

### **APPOINTMENT**

**Martha Ullman School Physician**

**P. Hakan Durudogan School Dentist**

**Meggin Smith 4-Hour Teacher Assistant, Middletown High School**

**Margaret Glorch 4-Hour Teacher Assistant, Middletown High School**

**Lauren Ferreira 3-Hour Teacher Assistant, Aquidneck School**

**Susan Andrews 3-Hour Teacher Assistant, Forest Avenue School**

**Jillian Harte .6 Social Studies to full-time Social Studies, .6 Gaudet School and .4 Middletown High School**

**Cassandra Craig .2 Literacy Coach**

**Tara Joncas School Nurse Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School (OYO)**

**Leigh Voute .6 Guidance Counselor, MHS(OYO)**

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**RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT AT THE END OF  
THE 2010-2011  
SCHOOL YEAR**

**John J. Medeiros Grade One, Aquidneck School**

**MATERNITY LEAVE - ARTICLE XIV, C, OPTION #1 (NEA/Middletown)**

**Sarah McCarty Grade Six, J.H. Gaudet School  
From November 8, 2010 to February 28, 2011**

**FALL COACHING APPOINTMENTS**

**Andrew Leys Head Varsity Football Coach**

**Stephen Ponte Assistant Varsity Football Coach:**

**Charles Russ Freshman Football Coach**

**Michael Sircello Assistant Freshman Football Coach**

**Luis Oliveira Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach**

**David Kolator Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach**

**Kristen Seyster Coed Varsity Cross Country Coach**

**Angela Santa Assistant Coed Varsity Cross Country Coach**

**Paula Guarino 6/7/8th Grade Coed Cross Country**

**Jason Rushton Girls' Varsity Tennis Coach**

**Karen Massaro Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coach**

**Gail Abromitis Girls JV Volleyball Coach**

**Renee Brietzke Cheerleading Coach**

## **JOB SHARE**

**Kristen Lyon .4 Guidance, .6 Spanish, MHS (OYO)**

**Leigh Voute .6 Guidance Counselor, MHS,(OYO)**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **BUDGET ADOPTION**

**MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the 2010-2011 Budget in the amount of \$37,198,415. Unanimous vote.**

**Mrs. Kraeger thanked Miss Pellerin, Mrs. Savastano, Mr. Collins, and the building principals for all their work in the budget reduction process.**

**The following reductions were made to reduce the budget by \$651,083:**

**•Additional Revenue \$ 67,117**

- Pension Reform Reconciliation \$110,567
- Negotiated Savings \$151,504
- Supply Savings \$ 89,410

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- Transportation Savings \$ 84,446
- Misc. Savings \$165,884
- Positions Not Funded \$ 75,000
- Additional Positions Needed \$ (92,845)

The next steps are addressing concerns of increased class overages, future State Aid reductions, Impact Aid reductions, and preparing for the funding formula. A budget timeline will be developed for the 2011-2012 budget. Administration will continue to work with parents and community groups.

Miss Pellerin, Mrs. Savastano, and Mr. Collins will attend the Town Council Meeting on Monday to answer any questions.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- School-Based Clinics 2010 - 2011 – Mr. Collins said that the State

had required two nights of flu clinics, but received permission to complete the vaccinations in one night at Gaudet School on November 4th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. The Wellness Center and Middletown Fire Chief will visit Gaudet next week to go over the plans.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Enrollment Update – Mrs. Kraeger complimented the entire staff for a very smooth opening. Official enrollment numbers need to be reported by October 1st. The overall enrollment has increased by about 40 students.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

- Curriculum – Common Core Standards were recently adopted and focus on math and ELA. RIDE expects the standards to be implemented for the 2013-2014 school year.

New State Assessment – PARCC would replace NECAP. PARCC has a partnership with 25 states and will assess Math and ELA. This will be implemented for the 2013-2014 school year.

Teacher recertification would be linked to the teacher evaluation piece and will be completed four times per year.



- Facilities – Mr. Collins reported that the school year was off to a good start with bussing. The bus company will take the next week to finalize changes. Staff at schools will be able to go online and see the location of busses.**

**In the past, the school department has collaborated with town athletic teams and is now talking with Babe Ruth for the use of fields. The Berkeley Peckham field needs renovations.**

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**The Aquidneck School parking lot is complete to this point. The Town is requiring the school department to redesign the middle parking lot, which had previously been approved in the Louis Berger plan of 2004. Parking lots have been #1 on the Capital Improvement list for years.**

**Mrs. Spengler questioned the rental of J.F. Kennedy School. Since the building is not surplus, the Town needs to request to use the building. The Facilities Department has a standard for cleaning using “green” products that needs to be maintained. If enrollment increases, the school department could possibly need to use the building for classroom space.**

**An October 7th Board of Regents meeting will be held at MHS cafeteria.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent's Reports. Unanimous vote.**

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**Miss DiPalma – Attended a regionalization meeting where the participants developed a list of pros and cons of how regionalization would affect Middletown. There will be one or two more meetings at most. The next meeting will be on governance.**

### **ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma , 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from School Committee Meeting at 8:34 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk**